



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Kevin P. BAKER, et al. ) Art Unit: 1647  
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For: **SECRETED AND** ) **Customer No. 35489**  
**TRANSMEMBRANE** )  
**POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC** )  
**ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME** )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 24, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 052004), please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed requesting a Petition for Extension of Time for three months with necessary fees.

Attached herewith are (i) article by Zheng *et al.*, (ii) ATCC Deposit No. 203268, and (iii) page 525 of PCT Publication WO 00/78961, corresponding to International Application PCT/US00/04342, in support of Applicants' priority claim.

Also filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.